

improvements. A provision should also be made requiring the presiding officers of courts to inspect the property in dispute on the application of parties.

Lastly, he urged the need for the presiding officers devoting one day in the week to execution work. At present, work in the execution branch received little or no attention of the officers, and the result was extraordinary delay and consequent inconvenience and loss to the parties.

Dewan's reply.—The Member's remarks will be referred to the High Court for opinion.

36. The desirability of investing the Tahsildar-Magistrate, Thodupuzha, with the powers of a Munsiff.

Mr. Ousep Chacko (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) observed that the civil cases in the Thodupuzha taluk, which comprised in all 561 square miles, were tried in the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court, and that the people of the taluk, who were already handicapped by several difficulties peculiar to the taluk, found it very difficult to establish their civil rights in the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court situated more than 12 miles away from Thodupuzha. The court itself experienced great difficulty to enforce the timely service of summons etc., on parties in the Thodupuzha taluk. He therefore requested that an Additional Munsiff's Court be established at Thodupuzha or that the Taluk Tahsildar be empowered to dispose of civil suits also within the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

37. The establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad.

Mr. Kanakku Kumaraswamy Veeriperumal (Member, Nedumangad taluk) said that the civil cases of the taluk came under the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' courts of Trivandrum, Neyyattinkara and Attingal and the people suffered great hardship by the above distribution. Considering the size of the taluk and the number of suits therein, the Member was of opinion that there would be sufficient work for one Munsiff in the taluk. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to establish a Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad.

Dewan's reply.—The Government have, after careful consideration, decided, in G. O. No. J. 9134, dated the 11th November 1914, that no new courts can be created at present. The Member is referred to that G. O.

38. The establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacherri.

Mr. N. Parameswara Panikker (Member, Changanacherri taluk) said that the present arrangement of dividing the taluk into four parts so as to bring it under the jurisdiction of the munsiffs' courts at Kottayam, Alleppey, Kanjirapalli and Thiruvalla, was extremely inconvenient to the people. The inconvenience and hardship were enhanced by the distances of the several courts from their areas of jurisdiction in the taluk and by the circumstance that the people of the taluk had to go often to Changanacherri where all the other important public offices were held. He added that, in 1089, 1,448 suits were filed from the taluk in all the courts together and that that number would amply justify the establishment of a court at Changanacherri. One of the additional courts of Alleppey or Thiruvalla might, the Member proposed, be safely shifted to Changanacherri and the expenditure required for the establishment of a new court might thus be avoided. He therefore requested that the question of the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacherri might receive the early and sympathetic consideration of the Government.

Mr. Geevarghese Devasya (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherri) pointed out that, considering the population, wealth and importance of the taluk, it sadly stood in need of a Munsiff's Court. The revenue of the taluk also warranted the same. Under the existing arrangement, the people of the taluk had to go for their civil cases to Thiruvalla, Kottayam and Alleppey. It often happened that the parties had to attend all the courts on the same day, which was impracticable. Further, all the other public offices were being held at Changanacherri and the establishment of a Munsiff's Court also would, in the opinion of the Member, conduce to public convenience. He added that the District Judge of Kottayam had recommended the